GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1717
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BAN ON LIFE SAVINGS DRUGS
Patil Shri Pratik Prakashbapu

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed ban on the use of life saving drugs produced by the Ayurvedic, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The Government has not banned use of any life saving Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoepathy drug. Hon'ble Supreme Court upheld the validity of Rule 2 (ee) (iii) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 as well as the notifications issued by various State Governments thereunder allowing Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy practitioners to prescribe allopathic medicines. Accordingly Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy practitioners can prescribe allopathic medicines under Rule 2 (ee) (iii) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 only in those states where they are authorized to do so by a general or special order made by the concern State Government in this regard. Practitioners of Indian medicine holding the degrees in integrated courses can also prescribe allopathic medicines if any State act in the State in which they are practicing recognizes their qualification as sufficient for registration in the State Medical Register.